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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Notice of Decision for the Juniper Butte Range Land Withdrawal Extension, Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The Air Force is publishing this notice of decision on the continuing Air Force need for Juniper Butte Range, Idaho Land Withdrawal and Extension for 25 Years.

**ADDRESSES:** Ms. Sheri Robertson 366 FW/PA, 366 Gunfighter Avenue, Suite 310, Mountain Home AFB 83648, (208) 828-2299; [sheri.robertson@us.af.mil](mailto:sheri.robertson@us.af.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See Notice to Congress and the Secretary of the Interior below. The Air Force is publishing this final notice to inform state agencies and the public of the decision that there is a continuing need for Juniper Butte Range Land Withdrawal and of the extension for 25 years. In accordance with Public Law 105-261, Section 2915, this 25-year extension of the 1998 withdrawal will occur without a new authorization by Congress after notification to Congress and the Secretary of the Interior and a federal register and local newspaper publication of that notification and an accompanying 60-day comment period. Comments should be sent to the address provided above, and will be forwarded to the Secretaries of the Air Force and Interior.

**Adriane Paris,**

*Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.*



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

MAY 28 2021

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510


Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are notifying you, pursuant to section 2915(c)(2) of the *Juniper Butte Range Withdrawal Act*, Pub. L. No. 105-261, Title XXIX, 112 Stat. 2226 (Oct. 17, 1998), of the continuing military need for the lands withdrawn and reserved by the *Act*. The withdrawn lands are approximately 11,816 acres and are a part of the Mountain Home Range Complex in southern Idaho. This notice also specifies 25 years as the duration of the extension of withdrawal and reservation provided for by section 2915(c)(2)(B)(i) of the *Act*.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was conducted to consider the potential environmental consequences of extending the public lands withdrawal established in the *Act*. The result was a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Draft EA and FONSI were made available for public review and comment for a 60-day period beginning on April 10, 2019, and a public meeting was held in Mountain Home, Idaho on April 25, 2019. No public comments were received. The Final EA and signed FONSI are available at <https://www.mountainhome.af.mil/Home/Environmental-News/>. This notification will be published in the Federal Register and a local newspaper with a 60-day comment period.

An identical letter has been sent to the Ranking member of your Committee and to the Chairman and Ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee. In accordance with the *Act*, the Department of Interior will also be notified. Please direct questions about this action to our point of contact: Mr. Steve Arenson, SAF/IEI, 415-613-4686, [steven.arenson@us.af.mil](mailto:steven.arenson@us.af.mil).

Sincerely,



John P. Roth  
Acting



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Honorable Adam Smith  
in  
Committee on Armed Services  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515-6035

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Honorable Deb Haaland  
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Department of the Interior  
Washington, DC 20240

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